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1. The airfield was southwest of Prerov (P 50/O 03), south of the road to Henclov (P 50/H 93), and east of Vymyslov (P 50/H 93). A barracks installation, surrounded by a wire fence, was adjacent to the field with its entrance 200 meters south of the Prerov-Henclov road. An armed air force soldier was posted at this installation. Two closed hangars, made of steel and painted green, were south of the barracks installation. No aircraft were observed at the field. (1) West of the barracks installation, about 15 workers were digging a ditch which began at the road and extended southward. This ditch was $1\frac{1}{2}$ meters deep, 2 meters wide and had steep walls. A lane which was unpaved but firm from constant use led south to a work site and was parallel to the ditch. The workers, who were asked whether this lane led to Bochor, answered that it was forbidden to use this lane and that a detour via Henclov had to be made. (2)

- 25X1A 2. Three sheds and a pile of earth were east of Vymyslov. brick or stone buildings were to be constructed there since there was a gravel dump and more gravel continually arrived. In front of the sheds were warning signs which read: "Do not enter building site". One shed was occupied by a civilian guard. Workers near the Vymyslov inn said that the direct route from Vymyslov to Bochor was not open to the public. (2) During the conversation with the workers a glider took off from behind the sheds. Seven to eight persons and a civilian passenger car were standing near the take-off point. According to a worker the glider was launched by a catapult. The glider had an open nose and carried one man. (3) A runway, about 25 meters wide, which began at the sheds and ran northeast, was under construction. The excavated soil was piled on both sides and concreting had not started.

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- 25X1X 3. While walking on the road from Prerov to Vymyslov via Henclov a construction site of about 50 hectares was between the road he was on and the Prerov-Bochor (P 50/J 03) road. The site was fenced in and guarded by civilian sentries armed with pistols. At the entrance was a signboard reading "Gottwaldovi Zavodi" and underneath "Stavebni zavody Cisl 11 106." Permanent concrete and brick buildings which were not roofed were seen there. 25X1X An acquaintance said that a similar construction site,

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80 hectares in size, was being established in the community of Aujezd (P 50/H 77), between Maehrisch Neustadt (P 50/H 77) and Sternberk (P 50/H 86). It was called Zapotocky zavodi. Construction work on its buildings was being done in three shifts, day and night. The plot was confiscated. Zapotocky zavodi was allegedly a subsidiary of the Skoda Plant. (L)

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- (1) This is the first report indicating the pin-point location of the airfield. For location sketch see Annex.
- (2) Previous information concerning construction work at the field stated that two cement taxiways were under construction on 1 July 1949 and new hangars were to be built. The present report indicates that large-scale construction work is apparently in progress. The field is possibly to be made serviceable for occupation by a modern air force unit.
- (3) The field, which is being used for glider flying by civilian sport associations, is apparently occupied by some small air force ground units.
- (4) For location of Gottwaldovi Zavodi see Annex. It is not clear whether the construction project, which is obviously very large, is connected with the airfield. This is also the first information that a new plant is being constructed between Maehrisch-Neustadt and Sternberk.

1 Annex: Sketch of Prerov Airfield.

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